

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.  
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP April 9, 1972

The Organ Prelude  
\*The Hymn of Praise 21  
\*The Call to Worship  
\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us grace to believe in his victory and faith and to make it our own. Help us in the days of our flesh to be more ready to minister like Christ than to be ministered to; give us a ready heart to bear the heavy burdens of others; keep our tempers cool and our spirits calm; make us brave to fight for right and to stand firm against those who would oppress the weak; cause us in all our ways to say with him, "Not my will, but thine be done." Give us grace to know him as our living Lord and strength to follow in his footsteps; in his name we pray. Amen.

\*The Kyrie  
\*The Assurance of Pardon  
The Scripture----Matthew 20:29-34  
Luke 24:13-31  
\*The Gloria Patri  
The Anthem (Trinity)  
The Pastoral Prayer  
The Announcements  
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
\*The Doxology  
\*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
The Hymn of Meditation 242  
The Sermon----"Do You See?"  
The Sermon Prayer

\*The Benediction  
\*The Threefold Amen  
\*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heidelberg Class will meet Tues. evening April 11th at 7:30 PM.

Win-a-Chum Class will meet Tues. April 11th at 7:30 PM in the home of Rita Stoner. Claire Steele will be the worship leader.

Missionary Circle Meeting is Tues. April 11th at 7:30 PM at the home of Mabel Gelbach.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations are being solicited for the family of Miles Page. Their home burned completely this past week and they were unable to save anything. A receptacle has been placed on the table in the back of the church if you wish to contribute. A relief fund has been started by the New Bloomfield Fire Company. This family consists of four children, 3 boys 13, 7, and 4. One girl age 9. The only thing they have now is what they are wearing.

RELIEF FUND AT COMMONWEALTH BANK. MAY GIVE THERE.

QUESTIONNAIRE? IN BACK OF CHURCH

RICHARD FINN IN HARRISBURG H.J.R

RONALD LEYDELL H.S.P?

MATT.

"Do You See?"

John: Luke 20: 33 "And, let us have no sight back."

Paul: Phil 3:10 "and shunning every evil and only recognizing what is good."

QUESTION: Have you ever been associated with a blind person or blind people? Perhaps you have been able to observe a case of blindness if you have not had the opportunity to speak to blind individuals. Today we are associated with several blind people and have had the occasion to observe others who were blind. This is an amazing thing to do by birth and circumstance to blind people we are able to observe a blind handicap. What for the most part have blind people done in their other talents to make up for the lack of sight.

To be able to live in a world of blindness, while all around you may be heard and felt the sounds of normal life, can be frightening indeed. But to most of these people, they accept the fact of permanent darkness with a sense of calm. To be sure, not all blind people react this way. But for the most part they are able to overcome a goodly portion of their problem through adjusting themselves to their environment.

TODAY WE ARE CONCERNED WITH SEVERAL BLIND PEOPLE. WE READ OF IN OUR SCRIPTURE ~~in your heart that the servants serve~~ The fact of

Jesus probably had croupy like blindness, throughout all of Palestine. People were probably all talking about this problem, who could help the sick, raise the dead and forgive people their sins. By word of mouth his fame was spread and so in every town and village, throughout the land, the people were on hand to greet him. Some came merely out of curiosity, in some cases because they wanted something in need of mending, and so important of our Sunday school if two or sitting by the roadside for Jesus to see a boy. Think as they had heard stories the day before, xxiv or 1, which direction he was traveling and at the same time to be at the right place at the right time. In

more than the same would speak of some change. So that they  
had been in the garden and the man had made the figure of a  
man and he had made it out to be living. And I asked him  
why John had not come to see me. And he said, "No, he did not  
see the opportunity to do so. But, as it was, he did not want  
to go to speak and say out to the man who was standing there  
that, and when he got up to speak, he said, "Lord, have mercy on me,  
for I am a sinner." And the man said to him, "Stand, have mercy on me,  
for I am a sinner." And the man went to him and he said, "Go in peace.  
Your sins are forgiven you." But the man went away still and  
he said to Jesus, "Lord, have mercy on us for we are sinners."  
Jesus said to him, "Go in peace, your sins are forgiven you." And the man  
said, "Lord, I thank you for this gift." And Jesus said to  
the people who were in their easier condition of blindness, "I am  
here to tell you that your blindness is getting around, and I will tell  
you why. It is because, I am not here too far from you and  
I want them to be able to see them. And we expect that I will help  
them to get rid of their blindness. They did not expect me  
to come to comfort the incident. This followed like:

This incident involved physical blindness. But consider  
the other part of scripture. Here is another of the following  
telling along on the road to Emmaus. As they all do, they are talk-  
ing of the events of the past few days. Long gone is stranger and  
they engage him in the conversation. But strangely enough, when they  
find he does not know all of the events of the past few days, they do  
not even bother to ask him why he does not know, like he does from all  
so many most people would do. He would say, "Can where have you been  
the last soul of days? Where did you come from? Are you just a lea-  
son passing through or what?" But the ~~it~~ following of Jesus did not do

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Instant s . Tested, the following day of Tues. 10/10/1911  
stranger told him to take for and believe in word of the  
prophets, do they know that it is so.

Then they asked the question if the two men,  
the son and daughter, were lost or dead until he told  
them, and the children were at the hill outside the city,  
that when he told the people all about it, and broke it and  
told it to them they all believed him. and he was told, "and their  
sons and daughters were found."

The next day he went to town. He said  
he had been to see a doctor and was told he was ill. That he did not  
have any diseases. The physician told him in something that  
obliged him to say so. Please come to me again today if you have  
any disease of any kind and I will tell you about it. If you are  
well today, there are no need of my telling you about it. It is  
recommended by physician of course that you definitely tell me about  
the day after you go home.

None of these people are so called Christians, and also  
one of them is not from the U.S.A. but from Canada. They didn't  
interact with each other, nothing of two brothers. One man who came  
in to conduct a general meeting. In Mansfield Ohio, and the  
man that first spoke he heard of it and he said to people, *A* man among  
*THESE* people and others of which have come here, *WE* can't  
*BE SEEN THERE*  
~~WE ARE NOT~~.

(Illustration of long beard).

Test is good if you ask and who could be counted  
as spiritual friends. This is only when we get right with God that  
we can see clearly. John Newton spent a life of degrading him and his  
wife, a slave trader would finally come to the point of no return to him, "T  
mine are lost, but some found, was blind, but now I see."

Told No one could spot, "I am little light, like the reflecting glass, lead the way." Jesus also says times of testing and a need to stand firm with right rising sun. KYURAKEMEKKU  
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KUJISIT KUSSEKKEWA KUJISIT KUSSEKKEWA Location with the English Christian quote, "There's none so blind as those that won't see." This is quote of Father malibar on many different occasions.

We can readily recognize those who are physically blind, we see them and symptoms that we can look for. We can not say that some of them will wear sunglasses at all times of the day & night; some of them will have a wife or husband of the same race to get around; ~~others~~ others will have a wife or husband who can see, and they will constantly hold him to their room. Most of these things are blind & blind combinations, no tip offs or clues in the fact that they are physically blind people.

Our first of the spiritually blind. See & look to people who are blind in the eyes in their lives and see the signs of the fall of the blind in blindness. The answer is yes and no. Spiritual blindness is an insidious disease that is ~~similar~~ like some sort of cancerous cancer. It starts out in a small fashion and before long it is beyond check or control. It starts out as a feud between two friends and ends up in a voice-speaking match for Jesus ~~the Master~~. It starts out as an incident that one of our friends relates in their feelings with a member of another race and ends up in our hating all blacks or people of yellow skin or another color.

It starts out as a violation of something that has happened in a family and ends up as a full scale family hatred. These are the signs of spiritual blindness. These are the things that lie beneath the surface in the lives of many Christians. And there are the things that keep us from really belonging to the Kingdom of God, for we ~~sins~~

and truly fall in Christ so as to gain his grace in our lives.

That we're all laboring at only the regeneration of  
ourselves, with us too catch Abel the Lord's Church. We'd be  
so glad to come to His table and be a part of His service as  
we are. But we'd like to share something with you. ABOUT THAT EVENT.  
Please people, it have a little difficulty about the church  
CRUSA. The church is such church. That's been caused by this little  
meeting. But the other day, we had a meeting and a great  
service. We thought that it's right to take for this, the day of  
the meeting is the first Sunday in October. It's October 11. The 11th  
of the month of October, we're going to do, but the 11th is not  
the first Sunday in October, but the 11th is the first  
Sunday in October. So it was the 11th of October. All preparation  
and we're going to do in October, a great meeting.

They invited George Bush on Oct. 11, 1981. To go down to  
the meeting and speak to us. But he didn't speak  
but he did say a few words at the beginning of the meeting.

Christ said, I have left this world to you. SUNDAY the world is not of me. But not. But he said  
to us, because the world is not mine. But the world is mine, and  
it's of the world. After disowning. The world. Now Christ gave it to me.  
The gift of Christ for doing it to me. To the extent that there is  
no greater gift than in my life.

The world is not mine. If I give it to it, I'll never own  
that world. But it's mine to give it. So if I do, I'll never  
have it. He said, "You know I once was afraid of you, but now I  
no longer fear it. I fear no other except Christ for a teacher, and that  
was last a few years ago." This is what Christ can do in an individual  
life and this is what he can do for a church as well.

When I was a lad in Church School we used to refrain  
of a hymn, any any such one, "Lord be the light, 'tis raining for

Shirley & Ralph Charles Link, Nancy Link, Dale with Lianne his wife, Lloyd Link with Karen his wife  
Jessica in front of Ralph C. Link  
Ethan and Alica in front of R. Dale and Lianne Link (the eldest son & family)









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Lloyd Alan Link, born May 28, 1958, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nancy Lynn Link, born March 15, 1961, Butler, Pa.

**SCHOOLING:**

Graduated from Perry High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
June 1947

Lay Ministry School, Penn West Conference of United  
Church of Christ, September 1965 to May 1969

Commissioned Lay Minister June 1969

Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.,  
September 1970

Graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary May 1974

Ordained to Christian Ministry March 10, 1974

**PASTORATES:**

As Lay Minister: short term, 1 month or less in  
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Emlenton Lamartine Charge of United Church of Christ  
1967 to 1969

Short term in various churches 1970 until Seminary  
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July 1970 to December 1973 Student Pastor at Trinity  
Charge, New Bloomfield, Duncannon, Pa., Penn Central  
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December 1973 to present, St. Paul's United Church of  
Christ, Butler, Pa., Penn West Conference, United  
Church of Christ

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

Ralph C. Link

I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

Ralph C. Link

I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Diety of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.